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GENERAL

1. Reduction of Soviet troops in Rumania--US Delegate ACC Bucharest reports that there has been a very noticeable decrease in the number of Soviet troops in all parts of Rumania, particularly in the south.

2. Arab League will protest to US--US Embassy Cairo has been confidentially informed [redacted]

[redacted] that the Arab League recently decided to protest President Truman's "interference" in Palestine in order to relieve the British of US pressure. US Charge Beirut reports that the Lebanese Cabinet of Ministers has just approved a formal protest in conformity with the Arab League's decision.

EUROPE

3. USSR: Increasing crime wave reported--According to US Embassy Moscow, reports of a crime wave in and around Moscow are increasing. Unlike last winter's crime wave, which was caused mostly by more or less organized groups, reports this year refer principally to individual acts of violence which appear to be motivated by economic causes. Garrison troops are patrolling the outskirts of the city.

4. CZECHOSLOVAKIA: Communist control of UNRRA--US Ambassador Steinhardt has been reliably informed that the release of non-Soviet members of the UNRRA Mission to Czechoslovakia is continuing at an accelerated rate and that the Soviet head of the Mission plans to stay in Prague at least until 31 March. Steinhardt points out that the Soviets will thus be in a position materially to strengthen the position of the Communist Party by a strategic allocation of large quantities of UNRRA goods to be distributed after 1 January.

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5. CHINA: Soviet withdrawal from Dairen--US Embassy Nanking has been informed by a Foreign Office official that Soviet troops were withdrawn from Dairen on 28 November. Chinese and Soviet officers, he added,

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are now negotiating locally regarding Central Government occupation of the city. The official expects such occupation to take place "shortly," certainly before the end of December.

6. N.E.I.: Status of Dutch-Indonesian Draft Treaty--US Consul General Foote reports that, although the Indonesian Radio has announced the ratification of the Dutch-Indonesian Draft Treaty by the Indonesian Republic Cabinet, official Cabinet statements on the ratification probably have been withheld pending action in the Netherlands and because of growing opposition to the agreement from Indonesian extremist groups.

According to US Embassy The Hague, the consensus of opinion in the Netherlands still is that the Dutch will ratify the agreement.

THE AMERICAS

7. ARGENTINA: Bolivian frontier difficulties "resolved"--US Ambassador Messersmith has been informed by the Bolivian Ambassador to Buenos Aires that the difficulties between Bolivia and Argentina (regarding alleged detentions of Bolivian nationals at the border; [redacted])

[redacted] "have been resolved" and that, in view of Argentina's "understanding and cooperative" attitude, there is "no further need for concern over border incidents."

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